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## Lomita Youth Shot Fleeing Police

### Marijuana Find Reported Later

An 18-year-old Lomita youth is in critical condition at Harbor General Hospital today as the result of being shot while trying to escape Torrance police officers Thursday night, climaxing a 100-mile-an-hour chase through Welteria.

Daniel J. Brown, 25902 1/2 Oak St., was shot after Officers Don Hartel and Tom Woodridge had pursued the youth during a wild ride that reached speeds of nearly 100 miles per hour. The sheriff's narcotics squad reportedly recovered two marijuana cigarettes from the car after it was impounded.

A passenger in the Brown car, Neil B. Sherman, 22, of the Lomita address, was arrested and charged with being drunk and suspicion of possessing narcotics.

The two officers were parked on Pacific Coast Hwy., between Crenshaw Blvd. and Pennsylvania Ave., when the youth's car turned onto Pacific Coast Hwy. from Pennsylvania Ave. at a speed estimated at 65 miles per hour.

#### Began Pursuit

The patrol car pulled out after the youth, sounding its siren and using the red light. Brown turned left on Newton St. doing 90 miles an hour, ran a boulevard stop sign, traveled down the wrong side of the street and attempted to turn onto Winlock Dr. The attempted right turn failed as the car rammed into a parked vehicle. The two suspects got out of the car and tried to run. After the officers yelled "halt" and fired two warning shots, a third shot was fired and hit Brown. Shurman surrendered to the officers.

Brown is charged with reckless driving and trying to evade arrest. Officers found a hole in the fender which resembled a bullet hole and also booked Brown on suspicion of robbery. Brown, recently released from county jail on a narcotics charge, allegedly told sheriff's deputies he had been shot once before while trying to escape from police.

Eight tablets also found in the car resulted in the two youths being charged with suspicion of possessing narcotics.

### Douglas Pay Raises Aid Workers Here

Salaries of 4666 Douglas aircraft company engineers, including those of the Torrance facility, will be increased a total of \$2,225,000 annually under terms of a new agreement reached today with the Southern California Professional Engineers Assn.

The increase effecting engineers at Santa Monica, El Segundo and Long Beach divisions, range from five to eight per cent, depending upon the employee's classification.

In addition, the engineers will receive retroactive pay of four per cent dating back to January 6, 1958, the expiration date of the 1957 agreement.

On June 15, 1959 an additional three per cent increase will become effective. The contract will extend for two years, until June 15, 1960.

Among other important provisions in the new contract are the inclusion of a new, comprehensive hospital-surgical medical insurance plan and a program for insuring retired employees.

A seventh annual holiday is provided in the agreement. This will fall on Dec. 26 this year and on Dec. 24 in 1959.

### Governor to Install New Civitan Officers

Jack Phillips will be installed president of the Torrance Civitan Club Wednesday evening to succeed M. W. Heimerdinger.

Phillips, owner of Paramount Builders' Supply, will be installed by Jesse Taylor, newly elected governor of the California District of Civitan. The Wilmington officers will be installed at the same time.



ONE INJURED . . . David Jenkins, 18, of 2159 W. 242nd St., was taken to Harbor General Hospital for treatment after his car was involved in a collision with one driven by Richard Smith, 17, of 26120 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, Thursday afternoon at Cabrillo Ave. and Lincoln. Both cars were heavily damaged. (Herald Photo)

### Teacher's Case Set For Jury

Jury deliberations on the fate of 35-year-old Robert Edward Prowell, former Torrance High School teacher charged with burglary and receiving stolen property, is scheduled to begin tomorrow in the court of Superior Judge Ralph K. Pierson of Long Beach.

Closing arguments before the jury of seven women and five men were made Thursday by opposing counsel, and the trial recessed until Monday to permit Judge Pierson to transact other matters Friday.

Prowell, who was pictured by John Zamrzla, 19, a former student in his classes, as a thief, was described by Defense Attorney Albert C. S. Ramsey as an innocent victim of a frame-up perpetrated by Zamrzla.

Deputy District Atty. Jack Kirschke told the jury that the evidence against Prowell was sufficient without the testimony of Zamrzla. Kirschke insisted the evidence showed that three burglaries were staged and that Prowell was involved in each. The burglaries introduced at the trial included two at Torrance High School and one in Long Beach.

The jury will get the case following instructions from the bench tomorrow.

### Four Persons Hurt In Traffic Mishap

Four persons received minor injuries in an accident early yesterday at Via Monte de Oro and Calle Mayor.

Robert Rodriguez, 17, of 2853 Sonoma St., was traveling east on Calle Mayor when his car collided with one driven by Carol Ann Fitzgerald, 21, of 452 Via Los Miradores.

Both drivers, and two passengers in Rodriguez' car—Tim Wayt, 15, of 815 Arlington Ave., and Tom Kling, 17, of 2836 Martha Ave.—were treated for cuts and bruises.

In an accident Friday at Meyer Lane at 190th St., a 12-year-old bicycle rider was injured when he was struck by a car driven by Charles N. Paine Jr., 21, of Redondo Beach.

Kirk Christian Salisbury of Hermosa Beach was taken to a private doctor for treatment of cuts and bruises. The driver was not held.

Three persons were injured when two cars collided Friday at Sepulveda Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave.

Maria Diamond, 51, of 22717 Madison Ave., was attempting to turn west onto Sepulveda when her car crashed into one driven by Charles E. Trott Jr., 53, of Redondo Beach. Both drivers and a passenger, Henry Trott, 5, were treated by family doctors.

Madrid Ave. and Carson St. was the scene of an accident Thursday in which a passenger of one of the cars was injured.

Ruth Raynor, 28, of 18416 Falda Ave., was treated by a private physician. She was a passenger in a vehicle driven by Irvin M. Lessin, 44, of 5433 Sharynne Lane. The other driver was William Fred Bartholomew, 42, of 1524 Acacia Ave.

Slight increases in the city's personnel force is provided for in the new budget, and will be paid for through increased assessed valuation of the city—estimated to reach about \$170,000,000 this year. Six new employees are slated for the police department and five for the fire department. Another 12 employees would be added to other city departments.

Budget requests of department heads totaled more than \$4 1/2 million, Stevens said. He pared \$700,000 from these requests before sending it on to the council.

Budget hearings will be held Tuesday and again the following week prior to its tentative adoption. The final adoption will be made in the fall when assessed valuations are made official.

### Industrialists Voice Protest to Zone Plan

Opposition to a requested re-zoning of 97 acres of industrial land to provide apartment house development was voiced this week by the Torrance Industries Tax Committee.

In a letter to the city council signed by F. W. Mill, the group's secretary, the industrialists cited the loss of tax revenue as the basis for the protest. The council will hold a public hearing on the matter early in July.



SWIMMING'S FUN . . . Two-year-old Karen Sue Caley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Caley, 22207 Linda Dr., is right at home in a swimming pool. The youngster swims the width of the pool with ease. Her mother, who has taught 28 neighbors how to swim, figured that young Karen ought to learn to swim at an early age. The Caley pool is right near the house and to avoid drowning accidents, Karen was taught to swim. (Herald Photo)

### Swimming Is Fun If You Follow The Rules, Health Officer Says

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., Los Angeles County Health Officer

Swimming contributes a great deal to the summer fun of both youngsters and adults. It also has the added advantage of being one of the most healthful forms of recreation that adapts itself easily to the individual's capacity for exercise. Now that swimming pools are in operation all over the County, there is no better time than the present for non-swimmers—ranging from small fry to grandparents—to learn a skill that will increase immeasurably the pleasure and safety of vacation days.

In addition to the fact that swimming is a pleasant, healthful exercise, it can also be a life saver. Last year, in the United States, approximately 4000 deaths from drowning were recorded and the main reason given is lack of swimming skill. Not very long ago, as a matter of fact, the American Red Cross Water Safety Service stated that less than 7 per cent of bathing suit owners could swim skillfully enough to keep from drowning when certain emergencies occur. Splashing around is fun but if more people learned to swim well, instead of so aimlessly entertaining themselves, the number of deaths from drowning would be very much less.

Carelessness Cited  
The ability to swim with skill gives the individual confidence when in the water and the fear that so often paralyzes the inexperienced or non-swimmer in a crisis is lacking. However, no matter how expertly a person may handle himself in the water, carelessness may also result in a fatal accident. Commonsense safety precautions must be observed at all times.

For instance, never dive into unknown water, the depth of which is untested, or go swimming alone. Don't venture far out into rough water in a light boat and never stand up in one if the water is at all deep. Don't swim immediately after a heavy meal. The process of digestion draws a large amount of blood to the stomach, resulting in heat production. A sudden chilling upon contact with cold water may produce the so-called "cramps" or intestinal spasms which are almost completely incapacitating.

Use Handy Aids  
Only as a last resort should anyone, other than a strong swimmer, swim out to help a drowning individual. The Red Cross points out that if a person is in danger certain items such as a rope, a fishing pole, an oar, or even an article of clothing may be extended as a lifeline. If the victim is too far away for these to reach him, a log, tire or any other object that floats may be shoved out to act as a buoy while help is obtained.

To lower the number of such incidents, free courses in swimming and life-saving are now being offered to persons of all ages in most parts of Los Angeles County. Information concerning them may be obtained from local municipal pools, the Department of Parks and Recreation, or any chapter of the American Red Cross. So learn to swim. To save your life, you can't find a better or more healthful sport.

A pamphlet on water safety will be mailed to anyone who sends a card of request to the Los Angeles County Health Department, 241 North Figueroa St., Los Angeles 12.

Police Find Robber's Car Near Scene  
Torrance police have recovered the getaway car used by the bandit who robbed a supermarket at Crenshaw and Torrance Blvs. Wednesday afternoon of more than \$2000.

Local detectives said the car, a 1956 two-door sedan, was recovered in the 800 block of Madrid Ave. Thursday. The abandoned vehicle was less than a mile away from the holdup scene.

The car was stolen from a Los Angeles used car dealer's lot on 43rd St. in Los Angeles Wednesday morning, officers said.

Police are still searching for the nattily dressed bandit who locked two employees of the market in the office after demanding and getting the large sum of money. A woman shopper aided police in a description of the getaway car.

### Widow Claims \$1 Million in Son's Death

A claim for \$1 million damages for the death of a Gardena youth has been filed with the Torrance and Redondo Beach City councils.

Naming the two city councils, mayors, city managers, and police department officials in the suit was Mrs. Ruby E. Terry, of 15001 Van Ness Ave., who charged the death of her son Jerald Dean Terry, 19, here last March 16 was caused when officers "failed to act with reasonable care and diligence in the course and scope of their employment and further acted without probable cause in shooting," her son.

Terry was killed by a police bullet near Pacific Coast Hwy. and Roberts Rd. after a wild chase through parts of Redondo Beach and Torrance. Police said at the time that young Terry had used his auto to ram a Redondo Beach police car, and had narrowly missed hitting several other vehicles.

The claim will be presented formally to the city council Tuesday.

### Purse Lifter Caught by Local Police

A 21-year-old mother of two youngsters was arrested Friday on charges of attempted purse snatching.

Mrs. E. J. Hasking of 2015 Gramercy Ave., told police she was walking down the alley near 1513 Marcelina St., when a woman ran up and tried to snatch her purse.

Mrs. Hasking, who had just cashed a check for nearly \$80, held onto the purse and the assailant finally fled down the alley.

A store owner contacted police and in less than 30 minutes, had apprehended the attempted purse snatcher.

The young woman, who had left her two tiny youngsters in a car, told police she didn't need the money and that she and her husband didn't owe any money.

The woman was released on her own recognizance.

**A Penny for your Thoughts**

America has produced many outstanding persons who have contributed much to the success of this country.

With that thought in mind, the HERALD's photographer asked localites who they thought was the greatest American who ever lived.

M. W. Heimerdinger, 1713 Cabrillo Ave., businessman:

"I think Abraham Lincoln was the greatest American. After all, he saved the Union. He also typifies the American story—he worked his way up from a rail splitter to President of the United States."

Suzanne Lundeen, 23715 Walter Ave., student:

"Thomas Jefferson was, because of his laborious efforts in establishing the Declaration of Independence which is the basis of our freedoms and rights today."

Celina Dean, 1027 Acacia Ave., student:

"I think George Washington was one of the greatest Americans. He was one of the men responsible for founding our democratic government which we have today. He did a lot for the betterment of our country."

Mrs. Don Cowden, 1529 W. 223rd St., housewife:

"Abraham Lincoln was one of the greatest. His principles will apply and are needed today. He set some of the people on the right road to honest, truthful thinking."

Elton Kettner, 1742 Anza Ave., bus driver:

"Franklin D. Roosevelt. He did more for the average business man and the poor people than any other American ever did. I think he was our greatest American."

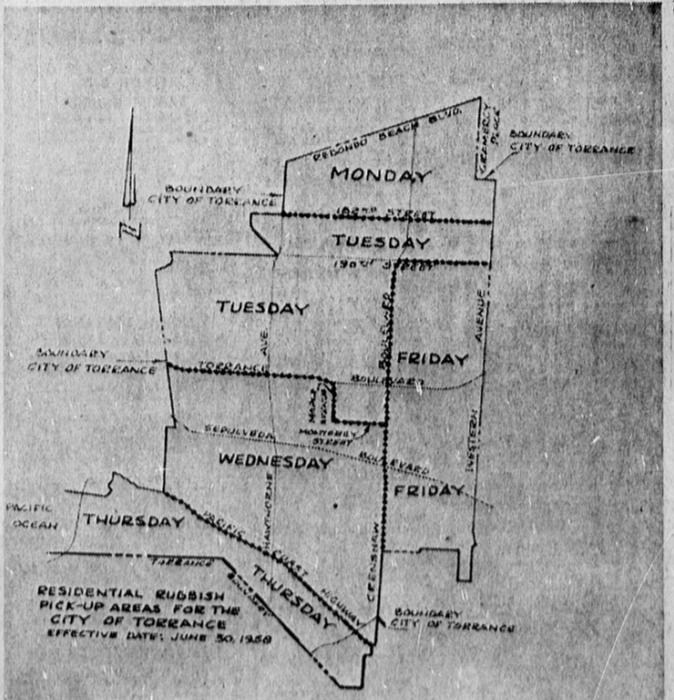
J. H. Stewart, of Barstow, civil service:

"Franklin D. Roosevelt. He was a humanitarian and in my estimation was the greatest President of the United States. He did more for the country than any other did. He also was a Democrat."

### Tape Recorder Stolen

A tape recorder valued at \$204 was stolen from a store at 24012 Hawthorne Ave., according to police reports Friday.

Alvin W. Johns, who reported the theft, said the recorder was on a counter in the store.



NEW TRASH SCHEDULES . . . New schedules for picking up trash and cans was announced this week by city officials. Houeholders are being notified that effective June 30, the new pick-up days will follow the above map. Combustible rubbish and tin cans will be picked up the same day in the areas; however, separate containers will be necessary because separate crews will make the collections. Residents are also being asked to set their rubbish out with a neighbor's to cut down stops for the collectors.